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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHHA) stands by the reports it released last year regarding the state's light brown apple moth (LBAM) eradication program in cooperation with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the California Department of Public Health (DPH).

The reports concluded that the pheromone products used in aerial applications in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties in late 2007 were of low toxicity and the low exposure rates were unlikely to cause adverse health effects. Our review of the symptom reports received following the aerial applications was unable to conclusively determine whether or not there was a link between the spraying and the symptoms reported.

We are confused by Mr. Chase's reference to an alleged math error involving multiplying rather than dividing. Our conclusions were not based on any calculations that fit that description. Because the application rate was extremely low, it is likely that exposure occurred at levels below those that would be expected to result in health effects.

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.

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